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An Act to Increase Maximum Small Claim Limits for Home Construction Contracts

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


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Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, ROBERTS of South Berwick,
Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7482, first ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 428, §1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding the total amount of a debt or contract, a "small claim" means a right of action cognizable by a court if the debt or damage does not exceed \$6,000 exclusive of interest and costs. For a right of action related to a home construction contract as defined in Title 10, section 1486, subsection 4, the debt or damage may not exceed \$25,000 exclusive of interest and costs. It does not include an action involving the title to real estate.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the laws governing the limit on small claims to provide that for a right of action related to a home construction contract, a debt or damage not exceeding \$25,000, exclusive of interest and costs, is a small claim.